

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

November 13, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

### Attendees

#### In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Jean Stenquist	KG6CFU
Rob Ding	KO6ROB
Ross Talarico	W6OCX

#### via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
EdnaLee Warnecke	KN6VTY
Jim Marks	KN6VTC
Rhys Hiltner	AK6BA
Rob Johnson	KK6JNI
Lorraine Schnurr	KN6CRT
Mike Camp	KI7FQ
Robin Mitchell	KN6CRP

### Agenda

Call to order/logistics

Introductions

Approval of Minutes  
Approval of Agenda  
Treasurer's report

New business  
Officer election nomination committee report (election in Dec.)  
Fall SET video. Thanks Frans KJ6IUV  
Recruiting for newsletter editor  
Building a training team and schedule for weekly exercises  
El Cerrito evacuation drill Thurs. Nov. 16th, 10:00 - 14:00  
Register for Contra Costa Community Warning System alerts

Old business  
Past logistics follow-up  
Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

Ten Minutes for Tech, Rob KK6JNI, Jay KJ6WSS

Elmering

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

Training and Operations  
Oct. 14th Simulated Emergency Test (SET) post exercise review and discussion

Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

October membership meeting minutes approved  
Meeting agenda approved

Treasurer's report: A number of years ago a \$500 bequest was given to Jean KG6CFU for maintaining a school radio program. \$250 was spent and the remaining \$250 is now being transferred back to the KE treasury.

## **Business session**

### **Nomination Committee**

- No nominations for club officers for next year have been received.

### **Volunteers Needed**

- We would like to have a committee to plan weekly net training exercises.
- We are looking for a volunteer to edit the monthly newsletter.

### **Fall SET Video**

- Recognition and appreciation was given to Frans KJ6IUV for producing a great video of our fall SET.

### **Field Day**

- Contest points may not have been the main focus of our Field Day but even so we ended up with a points total on the same level as some of the other larger clubs in the East Bay.

### **El Cerrito Evacuation Drill**

- Nov. 16 at 10AM will be an El Cerrito evacuation notification practice using the Contra Costa Community Warning System alert.
- Howdy KE6BEE will inquire whether KARO-ECHO might participate in the drill.
- The suggestion is if any of us receive the alert to check-in on our KE frequency.

### **Technical Talk**

- Topic 1: HTs available up until now were FCC approved for either ham or GMRS use. Now a TIDRADIO HT is available that may be started up in either mode.
- The radio costs between \$60 and \$90 and is charged with a USB charger rather than a proprietary charging stand.
- This radio was not meant to be switched from one mode to the other but the method to switch modes is described on the internet.
- Topic 2: The USB Power Delivery system can deliver 7 voltages between 5V and 48V at higher current than typical USB chargers can deliver.

## **Training**

**Fall SET review**

- About 40 voice messages and 20 digital messages were passed during the SET.
- As has been done in previous SETs, the practice messages were scheduled. This isn't as realistic as spontaneous messages in a real emergency but if messages were not scheduled in a SET it isn't likely everyone would participate.
- More impromptu spontaneous practice messages would help make future SETs more realistic.
- We would like to have more members participate in being net control for the Thursday evening net.
- We encourage members to try being net control for a segment of a SET.
- Since net control in a SET is more complicated because of the need to move pairs of operators to a different frequency, a suggestion was made to schedule a training session at a membership meeting.
- We hope we can get more FRS/GMRS operator participation in upcoming SETs.
- Kenoli KB6EMG printed posters for the location he worked from to inform visitors about ham radio emergency communication.

Meeting adjourned.